

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification. Material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application incorporates by reference in their entirety for all purposes the following U.S. patent applications: Serial No. **10/716,719** [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors; Serial No. **10/717,402** [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; and Serial No. **10/717,015** [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH SLOTS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; and Serial No. **10/717,399** [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The bone-repair device may have any suitable configuration for repairing a bone. The bone-repair device may be configured to be attached temporarily to a bone, for any suitable period of time, or attached permanently. In some embodiments, the bone-repair device may be configured for use on both sides of the body or on only the left or right side of the body. When configured as a bone plate, the bone-repair device may be any plate configured to span a bone discontinuity, such as a fracture, an excision, and/or a joint, among others, to fix the relative positions of bone portions or bones on opposing sides of the discontinuity. When configured as a prosthesis, the bone-repair device may be configured to replace an articulating surface or a portion of the articulating surface. Further aspects of bone plates and prostheses that may be suitable for using in the guide system are included in the following patent applications, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,719 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,402 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,015 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH SLOTS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,399 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/512,111, filed October 17, 2003; and PCT Patent Application Serial No. PCT/US02/18623, filed June 10, 2002.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The coupling portion may be connected to any suitable portion of a bone-repair device. For example, the coupling portion may be connected an axial portion or a transverse portion of a bone plate. Furthermore, the coupling portion may be connected to a fixed or movable portion of a bone-repair device. For example, the coupling portion may be connected to first portion of a bone plate that is movable pivotally or translationally (through a mechanical joint or deformable region) in relation to a second portion of the bone plate. The second portion may be fixed to bone or adjustably positionable thereon, such as with slots in which bone screws are received but not fully tightened into bone. In some embodiments, the first portion may be an axial plate portion and the second portion may be a transverse plate portion. Further aspects of adjustable or movable bone plates to which the coupling portion may be connected are described in the following patent applications, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety for all purposes: Serial No. 10/716,719 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors; Serial No. 10/717,402 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; Serial No. 10/717,015 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH SLOTS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,399 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Further aspects of adjustable bone plate 256 and other adjustable bone plates that may be used in the guide systems described here, are included in the following patent applications, which are incorporated herein by reference: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/716,719 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled ADJUSTABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner and Steven P. Horst as inventors; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,402 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled DEFORMABLE BONE PLATES, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,015 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH SLOTS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/717,399 [[____]], filed November 19, 2003, titled BONE PLATES WITH REFERENCE MARKS, and naming Randall J. Huebner as inventor.